

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT




Mary Queen
CATHOLIC CHURCH
Second Sunday of Lent
March 16, 2025

**The Priests who serve Mary Queen Catholic Church
are Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette.**



Pastor

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M.S.



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**Missionaries of
Our Lady of La Salette**

www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org
www.lasalette.org

Office Hours
Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Mass Schedule

Saturday

5:30 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM*, 11:30 AM and 4:30 PM (*Livestreamed)

First Saturdays

8:30 AM

Daily Mass

8:30 AM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
6:30 PM Wednesday

Daily Rosary

After 8:30 AM Mass Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday & Friday (except First Friday)

First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

4:30 PM Tuesday - 5:45 PM Wednesday

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday 4:30 - 5:30 PM in the church
Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 PM in the church

Welcome to Mary Queen!

If you are new to Mary Queen parish or visiting, please stop by with any questions regarding our parish. We would love to meet you! If you have been attending Mary Queen Church and consider this your parish community, please register with the Parish Office so we can keep an accurate census. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact our parish office or visit our website: www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org.

Mission Statement

Our Mary Queen community, inspired by faith and love, will live, worship, teach, welcome and support one another in the imitation of Christ.

2025 Mass Intentions

We are no longer accepting Mass Intention requests through our website. Call the parish office for information on Mass Intention requests for 2025.

If you have any questions about Mass Intentions, please contact Anita Shorosky at 281-482-1391 or anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 16th

Hispanic Ministry Breakfast Taco Sale & Coffee & Donuts (After Morning Masses)

Festival Raffle Ticket Sales (After All Masses)

Festival Gala Ticket Sales (After All Masses)

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM OCIA - "Breaking Open the Word" for Adults (Mini Hall)

Monday, March 17th

Lenten Daily Mass - 6:15 AM & 8:30 AM

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Youth Confirmation/RCIA Make Up Class (Youth Center)

5:45 PM - 8:00 PM Special Friends Program (Main Hall)

6:15 PM - 8:15 PM Men's ACTS Small Group (Room 119)

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Our Lady of La Salette Prayer Group (Room 125)

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM ACTS Core Team Meeting (Room 110/Library)

Tuesday, March 18th

Lenten Daily Mass - 6:15 AM & 8:30 AM

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Mary's Chain of Love Ministry (Room 114/115)

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM "Discovering Our Dignity" - Women's Bible Study - Walking With Purpose (Main Hall)

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM March Break Project - EFF (Room 119)

4:30 PM Exposition for 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM "Discovering Our Dignity" - Women's Bible Study - Walking With Purpose (Main Hall)

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Epic Series - AFF (Mary's House)

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Mary Queen Lenten Penance Service (Church)

Wednesday, March 19th

Lenten Daily Mass - 6:15 AM & 6:30 PM

5:45 AM - 7:00 AM That Man Is You - "The Light of Men" (Main Hall)

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Meditation Group (Room 110/Library)

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Queen's Bee Quilters (Mini Hall)

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM March Break Project - EFF (Room 119)

5:45 PM - 6:00 PM Benediction Concludes Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Troop 452 Merit Badge Classes (Youth Center)

6:30 PM - 9:30 PM Men's ACTS Team Meetings (Main Hall)

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Consecration to Saint Joseph Group Preparations Sessions AFF (Chapel)

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Young Adults & College Students Small Group Sessions AFF (Mary's House)

Thursday, March 20th

Lenten Daily Mass - 6:15 AM & 8:30 AM

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Lectio: Eucharist Series (AFF) - (Mini Hall)

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM March Break Project - EFF (Room 119)

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM OCIA Team Meetings - Catechumenate Sessions (AFF) - (Main Hall)

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting (Room 114/115)

Friday, March 21st

Lenten Daily Mass - 6:15 AM & 8:30 AM

7:00 AM - 9:00 PM Knights of Columbus Fish Fry (Main Hall)

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Stations of the Cross - La Salette Laity (Church)

Saturday, March 22nd

Festival Gala Ticket Sales (After All Masses)

Knights of Columbus Membership Recruiting (After All Masses)

Lenten Daily Mass - 8:30 AM

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Troop 452 Crew Meetings (Youth Center)

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM Youth First Reconciliation (Church)

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Reconciliation (Church)



PRAY FOR
VOCATIONS

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 15th

8:30 AM †Darrell Moulton, Jr., †Lee Buller, †Ken Welling

5:30 PM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

Sunday, March 16th

7:30 AM †Ginger Craugh, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of George & Mildred Pesl, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Freddy & Yvette Camarillo

9:30 AM †William Leighton, The Sama Family, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of Vera Smart

11:30 AM †Matilde Montemayor, Lucia Boone, Thomas & Renee Tacquard

4:30 PM †Hector Tobon, †David Mitchell, †Alfred Capili

Monday, March 17th

6:15 AM †Charles & †Marian Ganter, †Roger del Valle, Miles Libby

8:30 AM †Daniel Jansky, †Jean Brandt, Thekla Adam

Tuesday, March 18th

6:15 AM †Augustin & †Ramona del Valle, †Richard & †Mary Card, †Fred Birch

8:30 AM †Roger Stanfield, †Leroy Macek, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Doiron & Conner Families

Wednesday, March 19th

6:15 AM †Joseph Leba, †Ginger Berlin, Mildred Pesl

6:30 PM †Jim Curdie, †Marion Schmidt, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of the Scruggs & Arcotta Families

Thursday, March 20th

6:15 AM †Shirley Tolleson, †Verlyn Schmidt, John Richards

8:30 AM †Paul Gosselin, †Howard & †Helen Butler, †Whit & †Pat Wilson

Friday, March 21st

6:15 AM †James & †Joyce Runte, †Ed & †Irene Schmidt, Jayne Pesl

8:30 AM †John Revell, †Al & †Betye Welling, Living & Deceased Loved Ones of John & Celine Cordary

Saturday, March 22nd

8:30 AM †Robert Susil, †Pam Jessen, Rosalie Daves

5:30 PM †Fred Albers, Elise Kim – Birthday Blessings, Beckett Kim – Birthday Blessings

Sunday, March 23rd

7:30 AM All Our Mary Queen Parishioners

9:30 AM †Tony Diotalevi, Thomas & Rene Tacquard, Lee Pierce – Birthday Blessings

11:30 AM †Armando Burgos, †Ramon Roxas, †Carol Krengle

4:30 PM Paula Wick, Alice Malek, Sheri Barber

TIME·TALENT·TREASURE

Offertory: February 22, 2025 - February 28, 2025

This includes offertory at Mass, mail-in and online giving.

Weekly Offertory Received: \$60,459.83

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$45,854.00

Difference: \$14,854.00

MP-Debt Reduction: \$285.00

Future Development & Maintenance: \$514.00

Total Food Pantry Donations with online: \$9,291.43

2nd Collection:

Bishops' Fund for Latin America: \$4,312.00

Upcoming Special/2nd Collections

March 30 - Catholic Relief Services

April 6 - Easter Flowers

April 13 - Future Development & Maintenance

Building Together Campaign

Parish Goal: \$3,500,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$1,569,259.61

Total Amount Pledged: \$1,708,850.82

Total Number of Individual Pledges: 425

Diocesan Services Fund

2025 DSF Summary as of March 7, 2025

Parish Goal: \$205,000.00

Total Amount Paid: \$29,807.00

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 136

Total Number of Gifts Received: 175

Total Number of Mary Queen Households: 2,545

To make your gift or for more information, please visit
www.archgh.org/dsf.

IGNITE Campaign

2022 IGNITE Summary as of March 7, 2025

Parish Goal: \$1,886,649.00

Total Amount Paid: \$628,091.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$590,383.32

Total Number of Gifts Received: 2,543

Total Number of Mary Queen Donors: 275

Total Number of Mary Queen Households: 2,545

To make your gift or for more information, please visit
www.archgh.org/about/ignite-capital-campaign.

**Make the switch from envelopes to
online giving!**

**Scan the QR code to make a one-time
gift or set up recurring gifts today!**



Current Mary Queen Parishioners Update Your Family Information

Parish Soft gives current parishioners the opportunity to log in and update family information.

1. Go to the following link
<https://galveston.parishsoftfamilysuite.com>
2. A **New User Registration Form** will come up. Fill out the form and hit submit.
3. Your request will be sent to Mary Queen to obtain confirmation.
4. Once you receive confirmation, you may set a permanent password and make changes to your family information.

This system allows you to add family members but it does not allow you to delete them. If you need assistance in adding and/or deleting information or would like to provide your updated information via telephone or e-mail, please contact Anita Shorosky at 281-482-1391 or anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org.

FORMED

To sign up for FORMED, visit www.formed.org/signup

- Select your parish – Mary Queen 606 Cedarwood Dr., Friendswood, TX
- Register with your name and email address
- Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED

They have also created a series of videos to guide you through logging in, signing up, and using the platform at <https://watch.formed.org/formed-help-1/season:1>.

FLOCKNOTE



Flocknote is the email communications platform Mary Queen uses to keep our parishioners informed about what's going on in the parish. The weekly eNews is sent out using

Flocknote, and many of our ministries and other parish groups also use it to keep their members up to date with meeting news and other information.

If you are not receiving email communications from Mary Queen, sign up for Flocknote at <https://maryqueenchurch.flocknote.com/>.

ARCHIVES & ROOM RESERVATIONS

To request a copy of your parish records or to update your personal information, contact Anita Shorosky at anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org.

For room reservations and/or to schedule calendar events, contact Rose Mary at baezrm@maryqueenchurch.org.

LOOKING FOR PARISH INFORMATION? START HERE!



Sacraments

Find registration information for all of our Sacraments for all ages.



Elementary Faith Formation (EFF)

Find class calendars and all other information relating to EFF.



Jr. High Faith Formation (ARK)

High School Faith Formation (CAST)



Adult Faith Formation (AFF)

Find all of the programs and Bible studies we offer for all ages ranging from 18 onwards.



RCIA for Adults

Interested in becoming a full member of the Catholic church? Scan the QR code to fill out our RCIA Inquirer & Candidate Information Form.



Sunday Bulletin

Want to read our bulletins online? Find current and past issues on our website.



Become a registered parishioner!

We welcome all to Mary Queen! If you worship with us weekly, register as a parishioner to receive parish updates and more.



Ministries

Want to get involved in our parish? Check out our list of active ministries! There is a place for you here!



Social Concerns Ministries

We are called to live out the Corporal Works of Mercy for our neighbors in need. If you feel called to help, join one of these ministries!

Need additional information?

Call our parish office at 281-482-1391 or visit our website at www.maryqueencatholicchurch.org.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

Did You Know?

As your pastor, I strive to bring you timely and transparent communication. Several parishioners queried me about the history of our recently paid off church debt and the money that we borrowed for the construction of our present church. I did a little research to get the facts and would like to share them with you. The cost of our new church was estimated to be close to 14 million dollars and was completed for \$13,881,263.68. According to our Archdiocesan guidelines, we had to have half of this amount on hand to start construction. A little over half of this amount was raised through the generous donations of you, our parishioners.

On May 25, 2012, Mary Queen borrowed close to 7 million dollars (\$6,745,012 to be exact) from Trustmark National Bank in Houston at a fixed interest rate of 3.72% with monthly payments of \$39,885.21, with the first payment due on June 25, 2012. This rate was for seven years with a 20-year amortization. In 2020, we refinanced the loan with Hometown Bank in Galveston with an interest rate of 3.45% and our monthly payment dropping to \$14,696.86. By the end of 2025, we were due to renew the loan payment with the possibility of the interest rate going up as high as 9% or higher. With this news, it became one of our priorities to pay off the debt before Easter. Several experts on the Finance Council advised me of the benefit of paying off the debt earlier than Easter so that we could save a few months of interest payments. Therefore, it was done earlier than originally planned. On the third weekend of February, I announced at all our Masses the good news you all wanted to hear. Finally! After 13 years, Mary Queen had become a DEBT-FREE parish. What a great ACCOMPLISHMENT! In celebration of our debt-free status, we held an ice cream and cake party at the church plaza after all the Masses on the weekend of March 1-2. After 7:30 am Mass on the same Sunday, we also included a ceremonial burning of the church note and releasing 10 white doves symbolizing our freedom from debt. Many thanks to all of you wonderful Mary Queen parishioners.

From A Humble Beginning

In 1966, Mary Queen parish began as a mission chapel of St. Peter, the Apostle church in Houston under the care of the Missionaries of La Salette. The La Salette missionaries dedicated themselves to the service of God's people over the years and have brought us to where we are today. In gratitude, we honor both the deceased and living.

The construction of the church began under the tenure of Pastor, Fr. Skip Negley. His leadership in overseeing, guiding, and leading this momentous project was commendable. We are grateful for his dedication, commitment, and hard work in bringing this project to completion. The Mary Queen parishioners will be ever so grateful for his many contributions to getting our beautiful church built. Father Jim Kuczynski took it on with the same enthusiasm and joy in serving the Mary Queen parishioners for 13 years as pastor. Although retired and in residence at the rectory, Fr. Jim is always willing to help with ministries whenever he can. He has taken it upon himself to celebrate Mass at the three nursing homes in Friendswood, every second, third, and fourth Fridays of the month. He enjoys this ministry very much. We are also grateful to Fr. Benny Thadathikunnel and Fr. Sibi Kunninu for the major roles they have played as parochial vicars. This list of thanks would not be complete without making a special mention of Fr. Trey Crespo, our current parochial vicar. Even with his eyesight limitations, it is a beautiful sight to see his enthusiasm and excitement with which he serves our Mary Queen parishioners.

Fr. Thomas Vellappallil, MS

UPCOMING EVENTS



Knights of Columbus Council #8494 Lenten Fish Fry

Fridays during Lent

5:30 - 7:00 PM
Mary Queen Parish Hall

Fish Plate Prices:
Adults: \$12 per plate
Children: \$7 per plate

Dine-in or Take out options are available.
Cash, check, or Credit/Debit cards accepted.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays in Lent
7 PM | in the church

March 21 - La Salette Laity
March 28 - Hispanic Ministry
April 4 - Youth Ministry
April 11 - Women's Ministry

This Weekend - St. Joseph Altar



Come visit the St. Joseph Altar before or after Mass anytime this weekend and leave a prayer for St. Joseph.

According to legend the St. Joseph Altar originated in Sicily many centuries ago during a period of drought and famine. In desperation, the people turned to St. Joseph asking for his help and intercession. When the rains came and crops prospered, their prayers were answered. In thanksgiving, the community made offerings to St. Joseph of their most appreciated gift - FOOD!

Hispanic Ministry Scholarships



The Hispanic Ministry of Mary Queen is currently accepting applications for the 2025 Hispanic Ministry Scholarships. Three \$1000 scholarships are available to Mary Queen parishioners who are graduating high school seniors.



Completed applications are due by Sunday, April 13, 2025, by 5:00 PM.

If you have questions, please contact:
Aurora Garza at
mqhispanicministry@gmail.com

Hispanic Ministry Breakfast

Hispanic Ministry Breakfast Sunday
March 16th, after morning mass in the Parish Hall. Join us and support the Mary Queen Hispanic Ministry.

Eggs & sausage Burritos

Eggs & chorizo Burritos

Eggs & potatoes Burritos

Tamales

Donuts

Coffee & Lemonade



==== Kid Zone ====

Coloring books table

Cornhole

Games table

Hula hoops

Looking forward to see you all!



PRACTICING CATHOLIC

PRAY & REFLECT

THE DIVINE CONFIDANTE

My husband pretty much knows that if he tells me something — anything — he's also telling my sister.

Most of us have that person that we run to when we have important information. I'm not even talking about gossip; I'm talking about stuff we just have to discuss. We joke that I don't really know how I feel about something until I've run it by my sister first.

There's not really anything wrong with that. When we're trying to figure out how to think about something that has happened or how to react to a certain situation, it's always helpful to get the opinion of someone we trust.

But what if we ran as quickly to discuss the situation with God as we did to discuss it with our "person?" Wouldn't that be ideal?

After witnessing the transfiguration — an event that had to have been as confusing as it was astounding — we hear that the disciples "fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen."

When something profound, frightening, or confusing happens, our first confidante should be God. I'm reminded of Luke 2:19: "Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart." There is something to be said for taking a moment to keep that information sacred between ourselves and the One who can really help us confront it.

Sure, maybe we don't understand what just happened. Maybe we're scared by it. We don't really know how we feel about it. And that's totally okay. The divine confidante knows how to help us pray through that confusion, that fear.

If you're someone's "person" and they come to you wanting to talk, that's great. Talk it out. But remind them — and remind yourself — to pray about it as much as you talk about it.

Let the love of those things carry you through this Lent, and beyond.

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March 16, 2025

2nd Sunday in Lent

Luke 9:28b-36

St. Thomas Aquinas said that friends share three things: time, possessions and secrets. For example, how do I know if you're my friend? Well, let's say we've been to Mexico together, you've tried my shaky attempts at pasta carbonara, and you know what ridiculous costume I wore in a music video I filmed in my early twenties. We, dear reader, are definitely friends. We've shared time, possessions and secrets.

How does friendship with Jesus develop? The same way. Jesus lives and eats with his disciples. Then he takes Peter, James and John to Mount Tabor and there reveals to them his deepest secret: his glorious, divine Sonship. The majesty of God shines from within his humanity in a way that goes beyond description. God the Father confirms this "secret," saying, "This is my chosen Son, listen to him" (Luke 9:35). It's all so precious that "they fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone." Do we take time to be alone with Christ, to allow him to mystically share this "secret" with us as his dear friends?

Lenten challenge: This week, identify one time when you experienced an awareness of some specific aspect of Jesus — perhaps on a retreat, at Mass, in prayer or in an act of service. Spend ten minutes consciously re-living that experience in your heart. If you can't recall one, set aside at least two hours this Lent as a mini retreat, either alone in nature or in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Focus on him and ask him to share the secrets of his heart with you. He will. Then, as his friend, share the secrets in your heart.

— Father John Muir

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DAILY READINGS

Sunday, March 16

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Monday, March 17

Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 18

Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 19

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Thursday, March 20

Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday, March 21

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 22

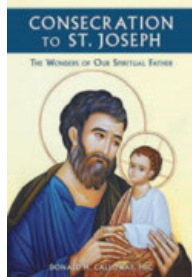
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday:

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9 Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-4



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Consecration to St. Joseph is on Wednesday, March 19th the Solemnity of St. Joseph after 6:30 pm Mass in the St. Joseph Chapel. Please join us to Consecrate and Renew your Consecration to St. Joseph!

For more information and to register, please contact - Eby Kurian



New Lenten Eucharistic Series

Continue to meet on Thursdays for 8 more weeks from 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM in the Mini Hall.

For more information and to register, contact - Eby Kurian.



The Sorrowful Mysteries outline the epic battle between good and evil. Christ enters into the Garden of Gethsemane knowing precisely who He is fighting against and who He is fighting for. Our thoughtful contemplation of Christ's actions teach us how to engage in the fight against darkness. We live in a time of unprecedented evil. The call to pray is urgent.

All Young Adults of ages 18 & above are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings after the 6:30 pm Mass at Mary's House from 7:00 - 8:30 PM.

For more information, please contact: Eby Kurian



We have a special LENTEN JOURNEY planned for Men in 'That Man is You!' (TMIY) program that will began on Ash Wednesday, March 5th and continue to meet from 6 - 7 AM in the Main Hall until Holy Week.

Pray with us and invite someone else along your Lenten journey!

Registration is FREE! Please contact: Eby Kurian to sign up ekurian@maryqueenchurch.org

<https://youtu.be/JA0Rr0aoduc?si=MTu95nHN8oLCmVQD>



Please pray for all the Catechumens and Candidates who celebrated the Rite of Sending during the 11:30 am Holy Mass on First Sunday of Lent - March 9th here in Mary Queen.

Mary Queen hosted again this year the Archdiocesan Rite of Election and the Call of Continuing Conversion that Sunday evening at 7:00 pm and it was presided by His Excellency Bishop Italo.

There were almost 1,600 people that came from 29 parishes that included the Catechumens, Candidates, God Parents and Sponsors along with some of their family members.

In the OCIA process we have 3 Elect who are Children, 8 Elect who are Youth, 10 Elect who are Adults (Unbaptized and are going to receive the Sacraments of Initiation) 1 Youth Candidate & 20 Adult Candidates

(Baptized and are going be received into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church) from Mary Queen.

Please pray for them, their God Parents, Sponsors and OCIA Team members.



JR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL



Lesson on Lent

"Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by *giving alms*; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ." — USCCB

More Information

Trey Brock, Youth Director
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**16
MARCH**

NO CLASS
Spring Break

**23
MARCH**

Faith Formation
HS & OCIA
3:00 PM - 4:20 PM

**30
MARCH**

Faith Formation
HS & OCIA
3:00 PM - 4:20 PM

**2
APRIL**

Sacramental Prep
HS & OCIA
5 PM - 6 PM



Carol Stuart, Director for Elementary Faith Formation

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ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

Class Dates

TUESDAY CLASS DATES

MAR 18
NO
CLASS

MAR 25

APR 1

APR 8

WEDNESDAY CLASS DATES

MAR 19
NO
CLASS

MAR 26

APR 2

APR 9

Please direct your student to the
Mini Hall for the start of class.



Youth Sports!

Friday, March 28th, 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Basketball game with
St. Bernadette Catholic Church
Contact Trey Brock if interested.



All Jr High
Lessons are
5:45-7:00pm!

JR HIGH REMAINING LESSONS:

SUNDAY 3/23--"MEET ME AT THE PEW" AND LESSON 11

JR HIGH ARE INVITED TO SIT TOGETHER AT 4:30 YOUTH MASS AND CLASS WILL FOLLOW IN THE YOUTH CENTER

SUNDAY 4/6-- FINAL LESSON 12

Other Events:

Wednesdays during Lent - *Lent One Day at a Time for Catholic Teens*
meetup 5:30-7:30pm (Mass together at 6:30pm)

Wednesday 3/19 - Jr Council Meeting 5:30-7:30pm (Mass together at 6:30pm)

Friday 4/4- Youth Night Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

For more information, contact:
Sarah Kennepohl, Jr High Coordinator
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First Holy Communion Sacrament Prep Class

The Dominican Sisters (many of you know they as the Astro Rally Nuns) of Mary Immaculate Province visited Mary Queen. The Sisters engaged our students by providing props to let our students know what it was like to dress as a Sister as well as review for First Holy Communion.

Our families had a chance to purchase handmade items for First Holy Communion, and learn about what the Nuns do each day! Many of them teach!

AROUND THE PARISH

Lenten Penance Services

Mary Queen - Tuesday, March 18
 St. Luke - Wednesday, March 19
 St. Helen - Wednesday, March 26
 St. Claire of Assisi - Thursday, March 27
 St. Mary, LaPorte - Tuesday, April 1
 St. Hyacinth - Thursday, April 3

***All services begin at 7 PM.**

Lenten Almsgiving

Charity is a frequent and important theme of the Gospels. As individual members of Mary Queen, each of us is called to focus more closely on almsgiving during Lent. Almsgiving is the outward action of donating money or goods to the poor as a reflection of your love for Jesus. This year during Lent we are asking every person/family to donate the following items to our Food Pantry. When you come to Mass each weekend, please place the items in the Food Pantry Donation Box located in the church Narthex. Items can also be dropped off at the Food Pantry Monday – Friday from 10 AM to 2 PM.

March 15/16: Peanut Butter and Jelly
March 22/23: Snacks, Crackers, Cookies
April 5/6: Canned Goods (Veggies, Fruit, Beans, Soup, Ravioli, etc.)
April 12/13: Oil, Sugar, May, Mustard, Ketchup
 Toilet Paper, Shampoo, Dish Soap, Laundry Soap

"It is better to give alms than to store up gold; for almsgiving saves one from death and expiates every sin. Those who regularly give alms shall enjoy a full life."
 (Tob 12:8-9)



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If this is your calling, Welcome! We are excited to expand this wonderful ministry.

If you wish to attend, or have questions, please contact
 Dolores Richards at declola@yahoo.com



La Salette Laity Reflection for the 2nd Sunday of Lent March 16th

Written by
National Laity Committee Member,
Christina Haidari,
New Hampshire La Salette Laity

Praying and meditating is not easy for me. As a La Salette Lay person, that is a problem. But these readings give me hope that this may change. Each reading tells of God reaching out to continue a relationship. We learn about a consistent relationship between God and Abram, whom God has chosen to be the earthly father of his chosen people. In the second reading, we are reminded of the results of Paul's personal conversion and ongoing relationship with God. Paul truly believed in the transformation of all he taught. In the Gospel reading, because of their special relationship with Jesus, Peter, James and John are chosen to experience a preview of Jesus glorified.

At La Salette Mary reminds Maximin of a conversation he had with his father a year ago. She knew of this conversation because She and Her Son are always with us – always wanting to be in relationship with us. The message and these readings give me hope that we are called to be in relationship with God, and even though it may be difficult, it is well worth the effort to acknowledge and engage with the presence of God in our lives.



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[Lifetime Service Award Nomination Form](#)

Altar Server Alb Laundering

Laundering the Altar Server albs is a behind the scenes ministry that is generally shared by several volunteers who alternate on a weekly bases, bringing used albs home for washing and hanging. The Mary Queen Parish continually needs help in this ministry. Scheduling of each month's cleaning is based on the number of volunteers. You are invited to share your talent by serving in this much needed and appreciated ministry. To volunteer scan the QR code below or go to: <https://bit.ly/4isJ6FL>

[Alb Laundering Sign Up](#)



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Do you have palms from last year and not sure what to do with them? To properly dispose of palms, you should either burn them and spread the ashes in the ground or you may cut them up and then bury them. They should never be discarded with the trash. In the past, Mary Queen would use them for Ash Wednesday but we no longer use that practice.

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Saturday, March 29th

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If you have loved ones in the Armed Services and wish their names be listed in this column and to be remembered in our prayers, please email anitashorosky@maryqueenchurch.org. Include the rank of the individual, their name and their branch of service.

Thank you and God Bless America!

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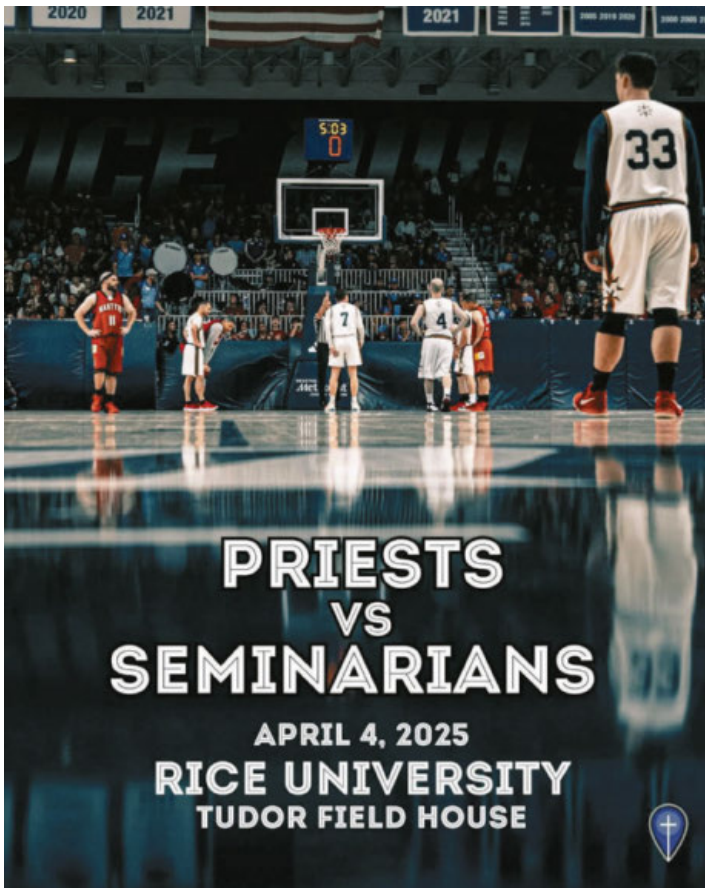
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Prayer List Requests

If you have a family member or friend who needs special prayers by our parish community, please consider placing them on the Mary Queen Prayer List after getting their permission. Provide the name to Loretta Delaney at reception@maryqueenchurch.org. Names will be added to the list for 60 days. Once the initial time is up, we kindly ask that you not renew your request for another 60 days. Due to the overwhelming amount of requests, we will abide by this policy in order to accommodate all new prayer requests.



Lenten Reading Question

Question:

Can you recommend some good books for Lenten spiritual reading?

Answer:

On more than one occasion, a coach being interviewed about his team—successful or not—will be asked about the next step. The inevitable response includes something about getting back to basics. Reviewing the fundamentals of the sport strengthens performance and builds confidence.

The best Lenten reading takes us back to the fundamentals. If Lent is the time for the Church to be on retreat, then we should focus on the texts that help us deepen our understanding of our faith. Spend time reading one of the Gospels, and use a Scripture commentary to learn all you can about the passion of Jesus. Read about the lives of the saints, especially your patron saint and that of your parish. Perhaps there is some local candidate for sainthood, like Father Walter Ciszek, SJ, who wrote several faith-inspiring books.

Finally, you can use the Catechism of the Catholic Church to learn more about the church's teachings and beliefs. The sections on prayer and the Mass are really great reflections. Focusing on the basics really helps us take another step forward in our faith. We have not only a better understanding of what we believe and practice, but also why we believe. With that belief comes the confidence we need to be better, more faithful witnesses to Christ.

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Everyday Stewardship

The Resurrection and Spiritual Hangriness

I want to talk about being hangry. I'll give you a quick description of hangriness, though I warn you, it doesn't come from the Oxford English Dictionary. Hangriness is when you're so hungry you get angry. You turn into a real piece of work. You can't get anything done and you're probably not a joy to be around, at least until you grab a snack. Everybody gets this way sometimes.

We can be this way in our souls, too. It's so easy to get distracted by the hungers of this world: greed, pride, anxiety. We can become ruled by the needs of our bodies and the desires of our mind and, in doing so, neglect the needs and the desires of our souls.

Everyday stewardship calls us to a constant reflection on the truth that we are not made for this world, as Christ clearly shows us in his Transfiguration. He reveals himself in his heavenly glory, just before he is going to be deprived of all earthly needs and wants — even his very life. He shows us that this is what we were meant for. This is what we are striving for.

Lent exists to remind us that we are not made for this world. When you become spiritually hangry — or as Scripture more eloquently puts it this week, when your mind is "occupied with earthly things" — turn your thoughts to the Transfiguration. I promise you, it's even better than grabbing an energy bar.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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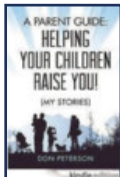
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